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'It's devastating for us': Father

Osgoode-born RCMP Const. Michael Potvin drowned July 13 when his boat capsized in the Yukon Memorial was scheduled for this morning at St. Patrick's Basilica

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▶ The Potvin family has asked that donations be made to The RCMP Foundation's Michael Potvin Remembrance Fund to benefit the J.V. Clark School in Mayo, Yukon. Mark Potvin said they chose the school because Michael had worked closely with the students there.

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Mark and Patricia Potvin learned the "best possible bad news" last Friday night when Sgt. Dave Wallace, from Dawson, Yukon, finally located the body of their son, Michael.

"Our biggest fear was that he'd never be found," said Mark.

For two weeks after Michael disappeared, his parents and brother, Sean, joined the search and walked for miles up and down the banks of the Stewart River.

The family, said Mark, is "holding up because we've had three weeks of mourning to prepare ourselves for this."

Wallace, who promised he would not stop searching until Michael was found, was true to his word, said Potvin.

Special feature

Focus on continuing education

How does distance education work? How online learning is evolving A number of options — from police leadership to creative writing {pages 22-24}

Does he mean it this time?

Report says Brett Favre is set to retire, again {page 25}

McCartney feeling the Glee

Ex-Beatle wants his songs on TV show: Creator {page 10}

Ready to Torch the iPhone?

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Allan Small tells investors why the safest bet isn't always the best bet, at metronews.ca/investing

Police seek man in groping incidents

Ottawa police are searching for a man suspected of groping two women in Centretown during the last week.

On July 28, a 26-year-old female was grabbed from behind and inappropriately touched while leaning into the passenger side door of her vehicle on Gladstone Avenue. The suspect immediately fled after the victim turned and screamed.

On Monday, a man grabbed a 24-year-old female as she walked on Gilmour Street.

In both cases the suspect is described as a Middle-Eastern or East Indian male, with a medium build, between 20 and 40 years old. TIM WIECLAWSKI

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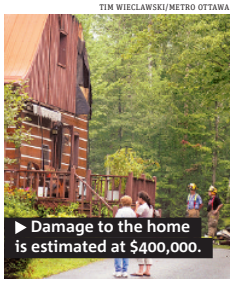

▶ Damage to the home is estimated at $400,000.

No one hurt as fire hits home

An early morning fire at a home in rural south Ottawa has left at least two people homeless.

Fire crews responded to an emergency call at 5390 Sand Rd. around 5 a.m. yesterday.

The fire is believed to have started in a second floor laundry room and extended into the attic and first floor before firefighters arrived.

The fire was under control shortly after 6 a.m., but the entire north side of the building was destroyed. The homeowners escaped the fire uninjured.

TIM WIECLAWSKI

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▶ Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day speaks during a press conference yesterday at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa.

Prisons needed for unreported crimes?

- Stockwell Day defends prison expansion as stats show crime falling
- Critics say Day justifying bad federal policy with non-existent facts

Opposition critics are scratching their heads over Stockwell Day's claim that Canada needs more prisons in part because many crimes go unreported.

Day, president of the Treasury Board, was asked yesterday why the Conservative government intends to spend billions of dollars on expanding prisons at a time of falling crime.

"People simply aren't reporting the same way they used to," he responded.

"I'm saying one statistic of many that concerns us is the amount of crimes that go unreported. Those numbers are alarming and it shows that we can't take a liberal view to crime."

Day added that the government's tough-on-crime agenda, including longer jail sentences, may result in "an up-tick in incarceration."

The minister didn't provide evidence of an increase in unreported crimes, or a description of what types of crime go unreported, but said his office would follow up.

A spokesperson for the justice minister said Day was referring to the General Social Survey conducted by Statistics Canada that asks individuals if they have been victims of crimes and if they reported the incidents to police.

"Crime rates have been dropping steadily and consistently across categories for decades. So faced with those statistics, they turn to unreported crimes. Why in 2010 would you be less likely to report a crime than in 1980 or 1990?"
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Results of the 2009 survey conducted every five years will not be published until September, but the 2004 report does show a slight decrease, from 37 per cent to 34 per cent, of reported crimes.

Statistics Canada's latest compilation of crime reported to police, issued last month, shows overall crime dropped by seven per cent in 2007, continuing a downward trend since the rate peaked in 1991. The report found a decline in homicides, attempted murders, sexual assaults and robberies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hoedown bringing country to capital

- Ottawa 'an excellent country music market,' festival organizer says
- Music fans in city 'fortunate' to have such a large variety of festivals

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Country music has always been popular in Ottawa, but while the city has every other kind of music festival — rock, blues, jazz, chamber, classical, folk and even reggae — country has never had its own festival venue.

Until now.

The first-annual Capital Hoedown opens at the Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre tomorrow evening with headliners Alan Jackson, Dwight Yoakam and Vince Gill.

On site yesterday, festival co-chair Ed Lauzon couldn't have been more excited.

"The stage is just starting to go up, and the tents have already been constructed," he said. "After months of hard work and planning, it's starting."

The lineup includes some of country music's finest superstars, said Lauzon.

"We've been able to combine legendary and newer country artists and American and Canadian talent."

While tens of thousands of country music fans from the National Capital Region are expected to attend the festival, Lauzon said there are also concertgoers flying in from as far as Nunavut.

"There is nothing here in eastern Ontario like Capital Hoedown," said Lauzon.

"It's been a long time coming. We hear from people that they are grateful to have this and they wonder why it took so long to get something like this to the capital."

Lineup

Capital Hoedown runs through Saturday.

- Alan Jackson, Lorrie Morgan and Emerson Drive perform tomorrow.
- Dwight Yoakam, Jo Dee Messina and former Canadian Idol finalist Tara Oram perform Friday.
- Saturday's lineup includes Vince Gill, Randy Houser, Bucky Covington, the Higgins, Jetty Road, and Ottawa Valley's own Jason Roos.
- The Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre has room for 40,000, so the festival does have room to grow.
- Organizers are looking into incorporating on-site camping for next year so concertgoers can enjoy 72 hours of country music without having to leave the premises.

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▶ Country superstar Alan Jackson is expected to be the biggest draw at the first-annual Capital Hoedown, said Ed Lauzon. "He might sell more tickets than the other artists, but we've put together a roster that is amazing from start to finish."

Jo Dee Messina keeps it simple on stage

When you see Jo Dee Messina in concert, don't expect wardrobe changes or a glam overload, warned the country music star.

Instead, arrive ready to have a good time.

"We have fun," said the Massachusetts-born, Grammy award-nominated singer, who is known for songs Heads Carolina, Tails California, Lesson in Leavin' and Because You Love Me.

"We're about connecting with the audience and visiting with them."

Ottawa residents will get that visit when Messina takes the Capital Hoedown stage to perform hits from her latest album, Unmistakable: Love and more on Friday night.

The Nashville resident gets her musical inspiration from life, "whether it's mine or someone else's."

"I have to see it and feel it and be passionate about it, or else it doesn't work," she said. "Every song I do well is a song that I love. And I think fans sense that. I'm all about keeping it real."

Although she writes some of her own material, she's objective when it comes to choosing pieces to perform.

"There are so many great songwriters out there," she said. "And if they come out with something better, I'm not too proud to use it."

TRACEY TONG

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▶ Jo Dee Messina loves Canada. "I've never had a bad show here," she said. "I'm pleasantly surprised by the crowd and how receptive they are every time I'm up here."

Fest goes beyond the city

While most music festivals in Ottawa are held in the downtown area, Capital Hoedown is held at the Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre.

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People expected to attend the Capital Hoedown over three days.

"With a country festival, we prefer not to have it in an urban setting," said festival co-chair Ed Lauzon. "Country music should take place in front of a country backdrop. It's not something you want to put in a concrete jungle. The site is spacious, well-known, and still close to town with a lot of parking and services on site." TRACEY TONG

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Taliban trying to win Afghan hearts

An updated Taliban code of conduct urges fighters to avoid killing civilians and forbids them from seizing weapons and money, a directive aimed at winning hearts and minds of Afghans also being courted by international forces.

But the document declares that people working for international forces or the Afghan government are "supporters of the infidels" and can be killed. Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar took a similar hard line in orders to insurgents that NATO forces said they intercepted in early June.

Mullah Omar urged fighters to kill anyone working with international forces or the Afghan government, including women, according to NATO.

The Taliban began distributing their new code of conduct in southern Afghanistan a little over a week ago, shortly before the top NATO commander in the country, Gen. David Petraeus, issued guidelines that also urged soldiers to avoid civilian casualties.

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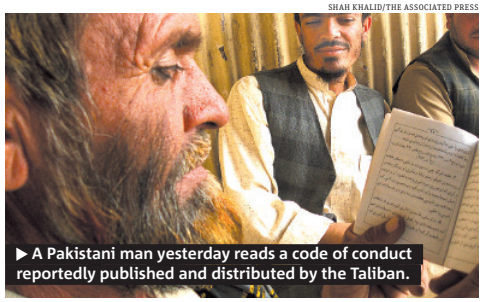

▶ A Pakistani man yesterday reads a code of conduct reportedly published and distributed by the Taliban.

"The Taliban must treat civilians according to Islamic norms and morality to win over the hearts and minds of the people," said the 69-page Taliban booklet, which was obtained by The Associated Press yesterday from a Taliban fighter in the Afghan border town of Spin Boldak.

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Base bombing

- A brazen daylight attack on Kandahar Airfield resulted in the deaths of between eight and 10 Taliban fighters yesterday, and military officials called the attempt amateurish.
- The one-hour assault occurred minutes after a pair of rockets were fired toward the base. It involved one individual wearing a suicide vest.

No deserters allowed?

Federal court ruled last month that immigration officers must consider a soldier's beliefs in humanitarian applications for permanent residence

Canadian immigration officers have been told that deserters, specifically those from the United States military, are not welcome in Canada.

Citizenship and Immigration recently issued a bulletin to field officers, saying that flight from military service in another country may make certain refugee claimants "inadmissible."

The new directive points to existing provisions of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to make its case and also notes that desertion is a crime under both Canadian and U.S. military law.

But the bulletin stops short of imposing a flat ban on deserters entering the country.

It instructs immigration officers to seek guidance from regional advisers when dealing with deserters applying for permanent residence in Canada.

The order also tells them to notify the department's case management branch when any new refugee claims are filed, or high-profile ones are updated.

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THE LATEST FROM WASILLA

Johnston, Palin off again

Bristol Palin and Levi Johnston have called off their second engagement after he told her he may have fathered a baby with another girl.

The other girl was not identified, but a pregnant ex-girlfriend of Johnston has publicly denied he is the father.

Palin, the 19-year-old daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, told People magazine that Johnston told her about the baby on July 14, the day the couple had announced their engagement. Bristol Palin and Johnston have a toddler son, Tripp.

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Airdrie. Derailment

▶ Crumpled rail cars litter the CPR line just north of Airdrie, Alta., yesterday.

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Residents evacuated after train goes off the rails

Nearly a dozen residents of a rural area in a community north of Calgary were evacuated after train cars containing ammonia derailed yesterday morning. Officials said there's no evidence yet the toxic gas was leaking, but two of the town's subdivisions, as well as a mall on its northern outskirts, were on evacuation alert.

Oldest woman in Tokyo missing

Japanese authorities admitted yesterday they'd lost track of a 113-year-old woman listed as Tokyo's oldest, days after police searched the home of the city's official oldest man — only to find his long-dead, mummified body.

Officials launched a search this week for Fusa Furuya, born in July 1897 and listed as Tokyo's oldest citizen.

Several other celebrated centenarians are also unaccounted for due to poor record-keeping and follow-up.

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Panel clears way for mosque near WTC site

A New York City commission yesterday denied landmark status to a building near the World Trade Center site, freeing a group to convert the property into an Islamic community centre and mosque that has drawn national opposition.

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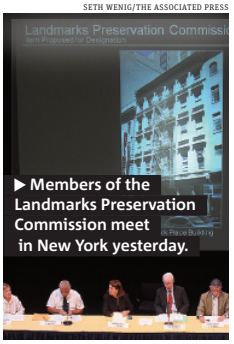

▶ Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission meet in New York yesterday.

Canada sending $2M in aid to Pakistan

Canada is sending $2 million in humanitarian assistance to flood-ravaged Pakistan. International Cooperation Minister Bev Oda says the money will help more than 150,000 families severely affected by monsoon floods.

Floodwaters surged into Pakistan's heartland and swallowed dozens of villages yesterday, adding to a week of destruction that has already and killed 1,500 people. The rush of water threatened to destroy crops that make the area Pakistan's breadbasket.

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Does RIM's Torch have heat to beat iPhone?

Latest BlackBerry faces tough battle in crowded market, say experts ◗ Saudi Arabia joins UAE in ban on services

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▶ The BlackBerry Torch

Research In Motion officially unveiled its latest smartphone yesterday, a new touchscreen model with a slide-out keyboard designed to challenge Apple's iPhone, but analysts questioned whether the Torch is innovative enough to woo consumers.

The new BlackBerry will be released in the United States next week for $199 on a two-year contract, while Bell, Rogers and Telus all say they plan to offer it in Canada, with Rogers saying a release will take place "in the coming weeks."

The phone is packed with consumer-friendly features, including built-in links to social networks like Facebook, Twitter and MySpace, and has a slide-out QWERTY keyboard to appeal to users frustrated by typing on touchscreen keypads.

Ian Lee, MBA director at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business, is a self-professed BlackBerry user and said he had mixed feelings about the announcement.

"Today's product launch was absolutely crucial in trying to turn around the decline in the market share that's occurring right now," he said.

"I'm sure it's bigger and better and faster and more powerful but at most they caught up today to Apple's iPhone and I'm not sure they even caught up."

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Hot car. Cadillac

▶ The Escalade SUV has a price tag of at least $62,000 US.

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Escalade is thief magnet

The blinged-out Cadillac Escalade SUV, a favourite of rappers and A-listers like Tiger Woods, is also the vehicle most targeted by thieves, according to an insurance industry group.

Market moment

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Recovery slowed during spring

U.S. consumers did not boost their spending in June and their incomes failed to increase, further evidence that the economic recovery slowed in the spring. And Americans saved at the highest rate in nearly a year.

Personal spending was unchanged in June, the Commerce Department reported yesterday. It was the third straight month of lacklustre consumer demand. Incomes were also flat. Consumer spending is closely monitored because it accounts for 70 per cent of total economic activity.

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Percentage of growth in the U.S. economy for the second quarter of 2010. Many economists believe growth will dip further.

News in brief

'Gorilla' glass finds its niche

CLEAR. An ultra-strong glass that has been looking for a purpose since its invention in 1962 is poised to become a multi-billion-dollar bonanza for Corning Inc.

Corning is ramping up production of what it calls Gorilla glass, expecting it to be the hot new face of touch-screen tablets and high-end TVs.

Now Corning is betting it will be the glass of choice as TV-set manufacturers dispense with protective rims or bezels for their sets, in search of an elegant look.

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Airports could face strike

SPAIN. Spanish air traffic controllers voted yesterday to go on strike, but avoided setting a date in a long-running dispute triggered when the government slashed their pay in the interest of austerity.

The controllers' union USCA did not say how long the strike would last, and expressed hope that a stoppage could be averted through negotiations with the government.

If a strike were held, it would apparently be in the second half of August, the busiest month for tourism in one of Europe's top vacation destinations.

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Saputo raises dividends

MONTREAL. Saputo Inc. gave its shareholders something to smile about yesterday at their annual meeting — a 10 per cent increase to the quarterly dividend and assurances that the dairy producer anticipates growing profits in the coming year.

The Montreal-based cheese, milk and snack-foods producer said it will increase the quarterly dividend in September to 16 cents per share from 14.5 cents. In Canada, Saputo also plans to invest to increase the capacity of its specialty cheese facilities to boost its presence in a growing market segment.

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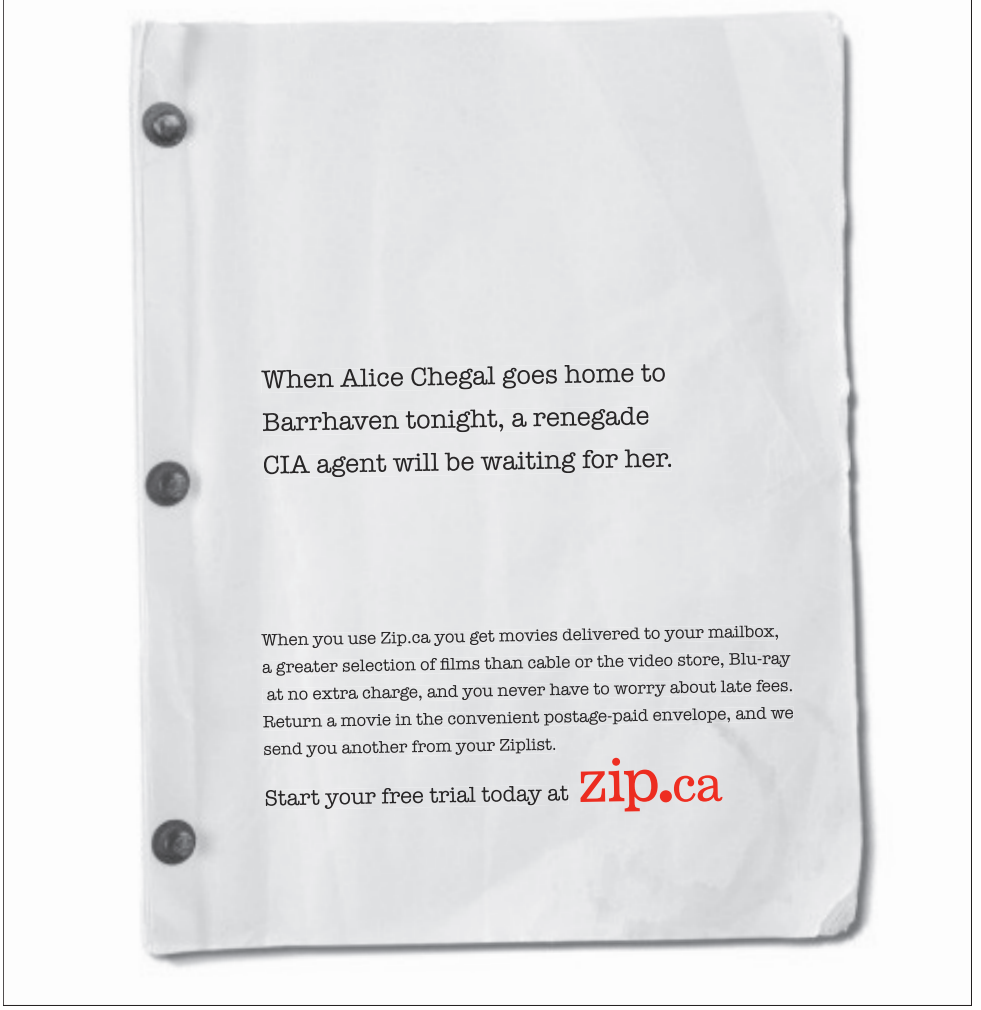

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Paul Sullivan's Just Sayin' column will return Aug. 18

LEARNING A LESSON FROM NOAH

On the chance the Gulf of Mexico oil spill threatens some sea creatures with extinction, naturalist Jack Rudloe hopes his laboratory can save them.

Rudloe has launched Operation Noah's Ark, using his four-acre facility an hour south of Tallahassee, Fla., to preserve more than 350 different specimens — everything from sharks to starfish, shrimp and batfish — in an environment that includes a grassland and duplicates high and low tides. And he's not doing it two-by-two. The fiddler crabs, for instance, number around 50,000.

"We have this endless supply of critters and water out there," said Rudloe, 67, whose enchantment with the Gulf and its inhabitants dates back some 40 years. "We have to get as many animals in there as we can and then if the conditions permit, be able to put some of them back and get some things started."

Though the broken oil rig has been capped since mid-July and little heavy crude is visible on the Gulf, Rudloe said he's still committed to the project.

"I don't believe that the oil is gone," Rudloe said. "It's still out there in cold water, little tiny droplets that could come spilling up here in the wrong conditions of one or two hurricanes."

Rudloe's Dickerson Bay laboratory is about 20 miles from the easternmost point where oil has been reported on Florida's Panhandle. Still, he worries about oil fouling his 50 tanks, which use saltwater pulled through an 800-foot pipeline from the Gulf. He is installing filtration systems just in case.

"If everything is dead, the marshes are black, the water is foul ... we still want to keep the place going," Rudloe said. "We would have to have live support systems where we can keep things alive."

Rudloe estimates the project could cost $1.2 million US. He can't afford that kind of financial hit, coming at a time when his wife — noted marine biologist Anne Rudloe — is battling a serious illness. The nonprofit, licensed facility, which attracts about 18,000 visitors annually, depends on admission fees, memberships and donations.

A New York native who moved to Florida in his early teens, Rudloe, who is self-taught, has joined with his wife to write books on the Gulf ecosystem along with articles for National Geographic, Sports Illustrated and other publications.

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Helping hands

Naturalist Jack Rudloe has received some outside help since the spill.

- **Separator** Pennsylvania-based Martin Marine shipped a $25,000 water-oil separator that Rudloe said could save the day, sifting out petrochemicals.
- **Tanks** He will also use roughly 50 large water tanks to store "healthy seawater" to maintain hundreds of other critters, including sea urchins, sea cucumbers, sponges, sea horses and spinybox fish.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Health and numbers

Letters & Tweets

HALIFAX. On June 26, the federal government announced Canadians would no longer be required to complete Canada's long-form census.

Doctors Nova Scotia is concerned that the alternative — a voluntary survey — will not be able to provide the necessary credible data to guide health-care policy and program development in our province.

The information gathered from the long-form census is critical to the development and delivery of health-care programs and services.

Reliable information is key when meeting the challenges that face our health-care system.

JANE BROOKS, PRESIDENT, DOCTORS NOVA SCOTIA

Re: "Forest bathing" aids well-being (Aug. 3)

TORONTO. I wish to thank Metro for printing the article by Celia Milne.

These are heritage trees. Milne brought to our attention the importance of forests and our well-being.

It was perfect timing since the United Nations has declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness, preserve and conserve all types of these forests for generations to come.

EDITH GEORGE

Data decision

Lady Gaga: Hot or not?

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Metro Minute at chamber music fest

Chamber music doesn't have to be instrumental. Expand your definition and check out internationally renowned, 12-voice French vocal ensemble Ludus Modalis at the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival today.

The group, which performs the sacred and secular polyphonic repertoire of the Renaissance and pre-Baroque era, will be making its first Ottawa appearance at Knox Presbyterian Church today at 3 p.m. The program, entitled Sacred And Profane Love, includes works by Palestrina and the love poetry of Ronsard, and was named a top-five pick of the second week of the festival by artistic director Roman Borys.

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▶ New buddy cop movie The Other Guys pairs Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg. The movie opens in theatres on Friday.

Buddy cops team for comedy gold

Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg breathe new life into genre with The Other Guys ◐ Films that pair opposing lawmen often reflect real situations

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The Other Guys certainly isn't Hollywood's first buddy cop movie. It's not even the first one this year — thanks to February's release of Cop Out.

With The Other Guys however, comic Will Ferrell and Oscar-nominee Mark Wahlberg aim to revitalize the long-standing genre that has flourished since the 1980s with favourites like Beverly Hills Cop, Stakeout and Lethal Weapon.

Commonly comprised of two opposing lawmen, the buddy cop movie may be a perennial favourite but the real question is, how true to life are these films?

"Certainly I think they sex them up a bit for Hollywood," said Cam Woolley, a retired 30-year Ontario Provincial Police officer and now a television reporter on Toronto's CP24. "(But) most people probably wouldn't believe how much of it is true."

Ethnicity often plays a central factor in many of these films (48 Hrs, Rush Hour) but they aren't completely reliant on cultural distinctions. More importantly, the main characteristic of all buddy cop films has to do with the interdependence between distinct personalities.

"(In movies), they're usually dissimilar and that's where you have half the fun where you have these two characters that don't fit very well," said Woolley. "And that's true because the police aren't usually picking their partners for a variety of reasons ... but you ultimately have to depend on each other."

Whether it's such big-ticket blockbusters as Bad Boys or a Canadian hit like Bon Cop, Bad Cop, it's that conflicting alliance that creates the perfect contrast for classic comedy.

"When coppers watch these movies, there's lots of little sideways looks and giggles," laughed Woolley, before hinting at an added value perhaps only officers can appreciate. "I always found it amusing that the boss always gets an extra hard ride."

buddy cop movies

- **1967 — In The Heat of the Night:** Although not a comedy, this Norman Jewison drama is largely considered an early pioneer for mismatched cops.
- **1982 — 48 Hrs:** This Eddie Murphy/Nick Nolte comedy kicks off the decade of the buddy cop, which soon follows with Dragnet, Stakeout, Midnight Run.
- **1987 — Lethal Weapon:** Lethal Weapon becomes one of the most successful franchises.
- **1988 — Alien Nation:** This cult favourite marks the first pairing of a cop and an extraterrestrial.
- **1997 — Men in Black:** The all-time top-earning version of a buddy-cop comedy (more than $250 million worldwide).
- **2006 – Bon Cop, Bad Cop:** Canada finally gets its own buddy-cop movie and becomes one of the nation's highest-grossing films in history.

News in brief

Christopher Nolan's Inception, which stars Marion Cotillard, will be released in China, the country's film importer said yesterday, giving a lucrative foreign market to a sci-fi thriller that already has become a global sensation. China Film Group will give the Warner Bros. production one of its coveted 20 annual slots for revenue-sharing imports.
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ScanLife

Obama, Lady Gaga earn spots on Vanity Fair's best-dressed list

Short mixes it up for The Cat in the Hat

Martin Short says he mixed a bit of insanity, friendliness and childlike frivolity to come up with his vocal take on the high-spirited Cat in the Hat, but don't go looking for telltale signs of his other famous personas, such as the manic Ed Grimley or the obtuse Jiminy Glick.

The Hamilton-born actor, who has used his outrageous vocals to create memorable characters such as outrageous wedding planner Franck in the Father of the Bride series, says he wanted to make his latest kooky incarnation as unique as possible, while still staying true to spirit of the Dr. Seuss books.

Short's twist on the beloved children's hero can be heard in the new animated series The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That, billed as the first TV show based on the literary feline.

"You probably go from a source of energy, a source of animated voice, and you actually try to avoid the other characters because then they say, 'Oh, he's just doing Ed Grimley.'"

The Treehouse series is drawn from the beginner book collection, The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library, and features a boy and a girl who learn about nature and science with the help of the know-it-all Cat.
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"He's got to be friendly and insane and animated and filled with a kind of childlike frivolousness to engage these kids."
MARTIN SHORT

The end of Twilight

Twilight fans will get their final taste of the vampire series when the second half of the finale hits theatres at the end of 2012.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2, is scheduled for release Nov. 16, 2012, Summit Entertainment announced yesterday. The first half is coming out Nov. 18, 2011.
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BOOKS

Smart Angel writing memoir

The Smart Angel is writing a memoir.

Gallery Books said yesterday that Charlie's Angel star Kate Jackson will look back on her acting career and her personal crises and triumphs, from surviving breast cancer to adopting a boy.

The book, currently untitled, is scheduled for June 2011. Gallery is an imprint of Simon & Schuster.

In the 1970s, Jackson starred with Farrah Fawcett and Jaclyn Smith on the hit TV series Charlie's Angels.

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Smith jury selection resumes

Jury selection will resume in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case after most prospective jurors were eliminated during the first round of questioning.

Judge Robert Perry ordered a new group to report after attorney challenges excluded all but a few of the first 60 perspective jurors.

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Cheers' Norm heads to P.E.I.

Rumour has it that a few extra kegs of beer are on order for an upcoming production at the Charlottetown Festival.

The festival has announced that George Wendt, best known for his role as Norm on the TV series Cheers, will headline the cast of Hairspray.

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Will.i.am distraught over Michael Jackson album

Black Eyed Peas frontman says release of new material 'disrespectful'

A new Michael Jackson album is expected by the end of the year, culled from unreleased material in his vaults.

But Jackson collaborator and Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am is vehemently opposed to the idea.

"I don't think that should ever come out. That's bad," he said. "He was a perfectionist and he wouldn't have wanted it that way. How you gonna release Michael Jackson when Michael Jackson ain't here to bless it?"

Will.i.am collaborated with Jackson on the rerelease of Thriller in 2008 with remixed versions of some of the album's classic songs.

He said Jackson was very particular about all aspects of his musical productions, from his vocals to arrangements to instrumentation.

MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Will.i.am collaborated with Michael Jackson on the rerelease of Thriller in 2008.

"Now that he is not part of the process, what are they doing? Why would you put a record out like that? Because he was a friend of mine, I just think that's disrespectful," he said. "What's wrong with what he already contributed to the world?"

"So what? You don't disrespect someone when they're gone. ... How much can you suck from his energy? ... Freaking parasites!"

WILL.I.AM, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HIGH DEMAND FOR ANY NEW JACKSON MUSIC

The Jackson estate did not respond to a request for comment.

Not much is known about what will be on the album, but Michael's brother Jackie has said he and brother Marlon were working on the record with John McClain, Jackson's former manager and executor of his estate.

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Housewives to perform for charity

Cast members from Bravo's The Real Housewives of New Jersey are going off-Broadway.

An announcement yesterday says Teresa Giudice, Ashley Holmes, Jacqueline Laurita, Caroline Manzo and Lauren Manzo will join the cast of My Big Gay Italian Wedding for four performances Sept. 1-4. The comedy is playing at St. Luke's Theatre.

A portion of the proceeds from tickets sales and from tickets sold to a post-show party on Sept. 1 will benefit Marriage Equality New York, which works to raise public awareness for equal marital rights.

▶ Teresa Giudice

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Seacrest unsure of Idol judges

American Idol host Ryan Seacrest says it could be weeks before the guessing game over the show's new judges comes to an end.

At auditions for the Fox TV singing contest Tuesday in East Rutherford, N.J., Seacrest said he didn't know how big the revamped panel will turn out to be.

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Michaels to host Miss Universe

Rocker Bret Michaels and TV correspondent Natalie Morales are hosting this year's Miss Universe Pageant.

The Miss Universe Organization announced yesterday that Michaels, and Morales, who reports for NBC's Today, will be presiding when the pageant airs on Aug. 23 on NBC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McCartney a big fan of Glee, wants songs on show

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▶ Glee creator Ryan Murphy.

Show's creator has a Super Bowl tribute episode in the works

Glee co-creator Ryan Murphy thought he was being "punked" when a fan note arrived from Paul McCartney.

But Murphy discovered that the pop legend is an admirer of the hit Fox TV show and wants his music to be part of it. McCartney enclosed a mix of some of his tunes, including Michelle, and asked Murphy to consider using them on the series about high school misfits in a glee club.

"I was gobsmacked. I grew up with that guy. So, of course, we are going to do something," Murphy told the Television Critics Association's summer meeting Monday.

The former Beatle won't be the only familiar name associated with Glee when it returns next season. Susan Boyle, the unlikely Britain's Got Talent discovery, is in talks to be part of the Christmas episode, Murphy said.

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Preview

- **There will be a** spotlight on some of the secondary characters, such as scheming cheerleaders Santana (Naya Rivera) and Brittany (Heather Morris). The tribute episodes will be kept to just two or three and feature fewer songs
- **Glee, which melds** pop songs, high school hijinks and drama into an upbeat hour, is the leading nominee at the Aug. 29 Emmy Awards with 19 bids, including best comedy series and seven acting nods for its cast and guest stars

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View ratings soar over Obama visit

U.S. President Barack Obama's visit has set a standard for The View.

Obama's appearance with a convalescing Barbara Walters and her co-hosts reached 6.6 million viewers last week, the biggest audience ever for a show that's been on the air since 1997, the Nielsen Co. said.

It was believed to be the first time a sitting president has visited a daytime talk show. Obama was indirectly responsible for the previous record for The View, when 6.2 million people watched the day after he was elected president in 2008.

"The View has proven to be an important stop for political candidates and is appointment television for our loyal audience who value our opposing views," said Walters, who came in during her recuperation from heart surgery to appear with the president.

Obama reached more people on The View than he ever has on the Sunday morning political talk shows Meet the Press, Face the Nation and This Week, Nielsen said.

Nickelodeon's iCarly had a big night Friday, with 7.7 million people watching a special episode that offered a glimpse of the lead character's room for the first time, Nielsen said. That was a bigger audience than all but seven shows on prime-time broadcast television last week.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama appeared on The View last week. 6.6 million viewers in the U.S. watched the episode.

Slow Summer

- **It was another** slow summertime week for broadcasters, which couldn't muster 10 million viewers for any program. NBC's America's Got Talent led the way.
- **CBS won the week** in prime time by a comfortable margin, averaging 6 million viewers (3.9 rating, 7 share). ABC had 4.9 million viewers (3.1, 6) and NBC had 4.7 million (2.9, 5). Despite being in fourth among all viewers with a 4.5 million average (2.7, 5), Fox won among the valuable 18-to-49-year-old demographic. ION Television had 1.2 million (0.8, 1) and the CW had 950,000 (0.6, 1).

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K'naan shining a light on Somalia

Canadian rapper hasn't backed down on keeping political messages in his work ◆ Wavin' Flag has sold more than 300,000 digital downloads

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▶ K'naan is leading the forefront of a growing group of African-born musicians who are making a mainstream impact.

When rapper K'naan was recording songs peppered with tales about warfare, poverty and despair in his native Somalia, there were people who told him he should consider abandoning his socially conscious frame of mind for material that wasn't so sombre.

Most of those people were Somalis, K'naan recalls.

"They didn't want someone's shining talent to be wasted on such a disaster," K'naan said recently. "They wanted to see themselves out there, and they knew there was rarely a chance that you could do it while carrying the baggage of Somalia. So they would say, 'Put it down and just go and be a star like these other people are."'

But K'naan, along with a new generation of African-born singers like Nneka and Cornielle, are getting acclaim these days by using their experiences to express political messages, varied life experiences and sounds influenced by their years on the continent.

K'naan, who now lives in Canada, had a global audience recently when he performed a remixed version of his song Wavin' Flag at the kickoff concert for the World Cup. Though the original lyrics, a bittersweet homage to his native Somalia, had been changed to talk about a general celebration of nationality, he held the Somali flag up high on stage, something he never thought possible.

"It had been buried under a rubble of bad stories for 20 years now. Nobody expects to see the Somali flag in a beautiful moment," he said.

While promoting her critically acclaimed album Concrete Jungle recently in Chicago, Nneka paused on stage at a dim bar to educate the crowd to problems stemming from the oil industry in Nigeria — "just for your American information," Nneka said jokingly.

Nneka then channelled fellow Nigerian and Afrobeat icon Fela, instructing the predominantly white crowd of 20-somethings to join her in singing the late singer's V.I.P. (Vagabonds in Power). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

African stars

- **Conquering the** American mainstream is not an impossible feat. Senegalese-born entertainer Akon, who's had a hand in the careers of Lady Gaga and T-Pain, is proof of that, though his music rarely touches on political or African themes
- **Jason King,** an associate professor at New York University's Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music, points out a list of successful acts of past generations, including Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour, Nigerian-born Tony Allen and even rock star Freddie Mercury, who was born on the island of Zanzibar

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▶ Ross Fletcher gets closer to take photos and to look after an artist caused a small stir in Toronto. Someone took the effort to erect 39 rock sculptures in the Humber River.

Artist makes a splash in Toronto river

Mysterious rock sculptures were erected in four hours over weekend

The mysterious appearance of two dozen precariously balanced rock sculptures in a Toronto river was revealed yesterday to be the work of an artist simply looking to clear his head on a Sunday afternoon.

The spectacle created a splash in the city when the sculptures seemingly appeared out of nowhere over the long weekend. Onlookers at the Humber River applauded Peter Riedel yesterday when he made a reluctant appearance at the site.

Residents who did not see Riedel assembling the pieces were baffled to find his mysterious work there and had several theories over who could have left the formations, and when.

Some speculated a group of people, working under the cover of darkness, was responsible.

The sculptures, Riedel said, took about four hours to create from flat rock he found in a shallow part of the river. "I come, I do my thing, and I leave. I don't leave any signature so to speak," Riedel said.

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Artist speaks

▶ Riedel said he washes off algae and other slime, and grinds down the flat part of the stone to help it balance. "That would be cheating so no, no glue, none, whatsoever. It's just centre of gravity, just balance," he said. The sculptures, roughly about one-metre tall, were still standing in the river Tuesday afternoon, although Riedel said some of the top rocks have already fallen off. The rocks are balancing on thin edges, with some large slabs remarkably holding steady on tiny stones.

Singer Bobby Hebb dead at 72

Bobby Hebb, whose 1966 pop music classic Sunny described a sincere smile from a woman that lifted the singer's burdens, died Tuesday. He was 72.

Family members said Hebb had lung cancer. Sunny also was recorded by many other singers, including Marvin Gaye, Wilson Pickett and Jose Feliciano.

Hebb had said in several interviews that he wrote Sunny in response to the slaying of his brother outside a Nashville nightclub and to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy a few days before.

"John and George were very quiet, But Ringo and Paul were more active and easier to get to know." BOBBY HEBB ON TOURING WITH THE BEATLES

On his 69th birthday in 2007, he recalled that he was living and performing in New York City at the time he wrote the song. "I was intoxicated, I came home and started playing the guitar. I looked up and saw what looked like a purple sky. I started writing because I'd never seen that before." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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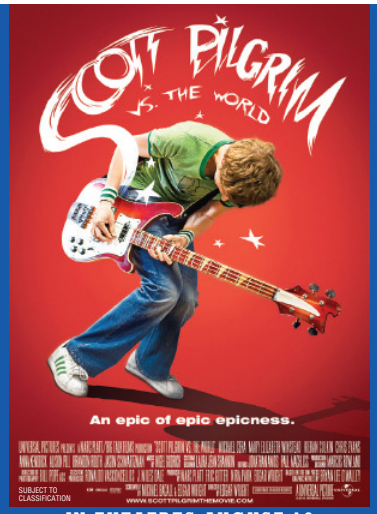

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Real-life cops grateful for portrayal on Flashpoint

Star Colantoni says show is a hit because of positive officer depiction

In a TV world teeming with police dramas, the slick Canadian cop series Flashpoint consistently manages to stand out, netting high ratings and kudos on both sides of the border.

Last season, the Toronto-shot series — which airs on CBS in the U.S. — averaged 1.8 million viewers on CTV, according to BBM Canada. Season 3, kicking off Friday, looks just as promising after a recent sneak peek landed 1.3 million viewers in Canada.

Series star Enrico Colantoni says he thinks the show is a huge hit, in part, because it delivers a positive portrayal of its police force.

"The biggest compliment I'll get is when a policeman comes up to me and covertly shows me his badge when they're off-duty and says, 'Thank you,' and I get that more often than not because of how we do everything," he said in a recent phone interview.

While many TV police dramas are about the "underbelly of the police force," Colantoni says Flashpoint stands apart because it depicts officers who actually care about the job.

"Law enforcement (officers) are misrepresented so often on TV," he said.

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▶Enrico Colantoni as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's Flashpoint, which kicks off its third season on Friday.

Colantoni should know. His older brother was a cop for 30 years and even once threw him behind bars, albeit very briefly, as a joke.

"He sort of did it on a whim but it was enough," said Colantoni. "He left me in there for a few seconds. I got the idea."

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Colantoni cred

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni's resume includes loads of hit series.

- **He played a** womanizing photographer on the David Spade sitcom Just Shoot Me and co-starred as the supportive dad in the lauded series Veronica Mars.
- **Colantoni doesn't** take credit for his success, though, instead pointing to good fortune at the start of his career in New York. "I just got out of Yale and I needed to pay my rent and I didn't have any money and in the 11th hour I booked three days on a soap opera that allowed me to get through the month," he recalled.

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▶ Mischa Barton

Out of this world gift for Brand

Barton opts for London instead of Hollywood

Mischa Barton is reportedly ready to ditch Hollywood to follow her new boyfriend to London, according to Heat magazine.

Barton has been dating DJ Ali Love for about a month, but that's reportedly been plenty of time to make up her mind.

"Mischa's found a great new guy. She can't wait to move to London to be with him. It's already in the works," a source says. "Instead of Hollywood gigs, Mischa's focusing on a stage career in the West End. She wants to spend a year in London and see where things go with both the theatre and Ali."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Songstress Perry buys beau a trip to space on Virgin Galactic's maiden voyage for his birthday

Katy Perry is apparently a great gift-giver.

For fiancé Russell Brand's 35th birthday, she purchased him a $200,000 US ticket on the first Virgin Galactic flight into space, according to E! News. Perry isn't planning on going into orbit herself, though friends think she should.

"She should get the seat right next to him," a source says.

No date has been set for Virgin Galactic's maiden voyage. More than 200 people have reportedly signed up for a flight. The endeavour was started by Sir Richard Branson.

Meanwhile, Perry is set to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine in lingerie. In an interview with the magazine, Perry reportedly discusses her strict Christian upbringing. Her parents were both pastors. METRO WORLD NEWS

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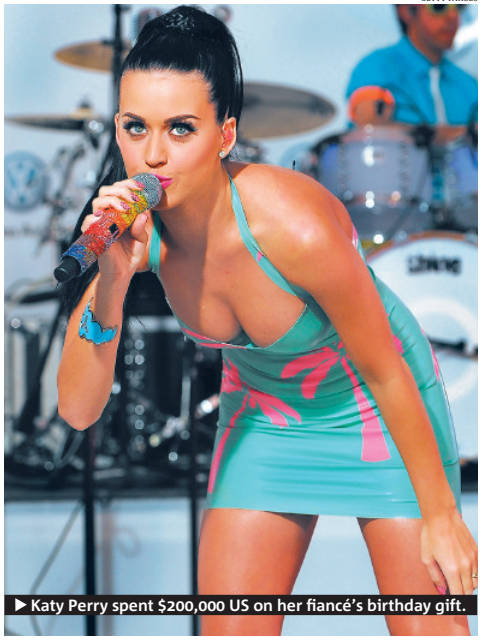

▶ Katy Perry spent $200,000 US on her fiancé's birthday gift.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan is upset she didn't get time with her family.

Lohan ordered straight to rehab

While Lindsay Lohan was certainly happy she only had to serve 14 days of her 90-day jail sentence, she's reportedly not very happy about not getting to see her family when she got out, according to People magazine.

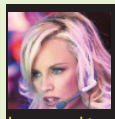
"Lindsay is very upset that the judge ordered her to go straight to rehab," a source says. "(Lindsay) feels that she deserved to spend a day with her family after she behaved well in jail."

Lohan's mother and sister met up with her at the UCLA Medical Center once she'd checked in for her 90-day rehab program.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

Bill Cosby [@BillCosby] Emotional friends have called about this misinformation. To the people behind the foolishness, I'm not sure you see how upsetting this is. (on reports of his death)



Jenny McCarthy [@JennyMcCarthy] In vegas. What happened to all the magicians? Looking for a good cheesy show. No tigers and no one with the last name of Angel.

Samantha Ronson [@samantharonson] One would think the safest place for a safe key would be inside the safe. That is until you try again to unlock that safe.

Russell Brand [@rustyrockets] I'm doing a pretend wedding in a real church while acting drunk. Forgive me Lord. And @katyperry.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ellen gives Idol the big heave-ho

Ellen DeGeneres couldn't be talked into staying with American Idol, a Fox executive said Monday, creating a second opening for change in the show's 10th season.

Who will fill her judge's chair and the one vacated by Simon Cowell were questions left unanswered by Peter Rice, chairman of entertainment for the Fox Networks Group.

"There are no deals signed on either side of the camera" with newcomers, Rice told a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler have been reported as front-runners for the panel. Rice said some of the media speculation about the future of American Idol were accurate and that some were "wildly inaccurate."

He also declined to discuss the status of original judge Randy Jackson, reports that Kara DioGuardi might be in jeopardy after two years on the panel or whether former American Idol producer Nigel Lythgoe is in talks to return.

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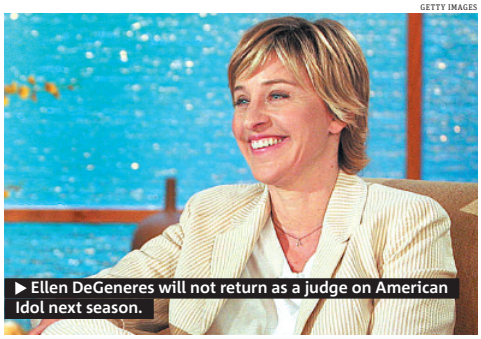

▶ Ellen DeGeneres will not return as a judge on American Idol next season.

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Rice said the goal was to have the judges in place by mid-September, when auditions that include the panel will be filmed.

Cowell got a splashy farewell in the American Idol season finale in May, months after announcing his departure. He's launching a new talent show, The X Factor on Fox next year.

Last week, DeGeneres said she'd decided to exit despite reportedly signing a five-year contract with Idol because she felt uncomfortable playing critic to the show's contestants.

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Sheen sentenced to 30 days in rehab

Charlie Sheen has been sentenced to 30 days in rehab in connection to his Christmas morning domestic incident with wife Brooke Mueller in Aspen, Colo., according to Exposay.

He was also given a 30-day suspended jail sentence after agreeing to a plea bargain. "I'm very grateful to the court and to the people of Pitkin County," Sheen said in statement. "I look forward to complying with the court's decision, getting on with my life and putting this behind me."

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Bieber set for a 3D movie debut

Justin Bieber will be taking his life story to the big screen, according to Deadline.com. The 16-year-old pop sensation reportedly signed a deal with Paramount Pictures for a 3D biopic to be released next February.

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Thompson on working mothers

Emma Thompson is causing quite a stir over remarks about being a working mother. "You can't be a great mum and work the whole time necessarily; those two things aren't ideal," she tells Good Housekeeping magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

Going, going Ghana

- The heat of Accra is matched only by the energy of its inhabitants
- There is so much happening here 24/7 that it's impossible to get bored

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"Akwaaba!" Welcome to Ghana ..."

Why go now?
Bordering the Gulf of Guinea and wedged between Ivory Coast and Togo, Accra is one of Ghana's hippest cities. The capital's boundless energy is contagious and obvious in all aspects of everyday life. It's loud too — whether it's the women pounding fufu (maize paste) or haggling over the price of fried plantain on the sidewalk. Voodoo belief and influence leaves its mark too and impossible to ignore is the Ghanaians' love of a good party.

It's my first time. What should I do there?
Ghana's coastline is some 500 km of unspoiled beach lined with coconut and palm trees and Labadi Pleasure Beach is the most popular one in Accra. Put your feet up and relax on your sun lounger as you get a quick mani-pedi on the spot or join in a game of Frisbee or beach volleyball.

I've been before. What should I see this time?
Drinking a pint of Guinness at Ryan's Irish Pub may seem like the wrong thing to do, but strangely, it's wonderful. Try out a tro-tro, local commercial buses that will zoom you up and down every alleyway of Accra, showing you exciting new places. Spend an afternoon visiting the fishing port James Town and then climbing to the top of the old Lighthouse for some spectacular views over the Atlantic Ocean.

Where's the best place for shopping?
Loom (117 Kwame Nkrumah Ave) is the best place for high-end local arts and crafts. African glass pearls, ebony statuettes and intricate woodcarvings can all be found here. For the most elegant textiles there's no place like Woodin's whose reputation for beauty and quality of print is respected throughout West Africa.

What's the nightlife like?
Accra's nightlife is a whirlwind of song and dance and keeping up with the local pace is tough. Start with a dinner of sushi or crocodile tail at Monsoon. Get yourself into the swing of things at Indigo (near Danquah Circle), a trendy club located within an old embassy building. Near Oxford Street is Lizzie's, ideal for those who want to keep on dancing into the night and like their hip-hop.

▶ Colourful: Ghana is a riot of energy and life

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▶ Party animals: And they know how to have a good time.

3 THINGS TO DO

LOMÉ

Cross the Togolese border to the port city of Lomé. The Grand Marché is a massive concrete block where thousands of buyers and sellers meet daily to haggle and squabble over anything from meat, pearls, plantains, plastic cups and cigarettes. French is the main western language spoken in the area. Lome also has one of the best restaurant scenes in West Africa. But it's one of the best kept secrets for a reason, so get some help finding it.

VOODOO DOLLS

Follow the crowd along Hansen Street making its way to Timber Market. Don't let the unknown put you off. The fetish section is fascinating, from the juju dolls to the furry trinkets, animal skulls and little bottle of powdered potions. Magic.

TURTLE TALES

Ada Foah on the Volta Estuary is one of the most of important nesting and breeding sites for endangered marine turtles. The beach is also a sanctuary for estuarine birds, making it a true bird-watchers paradise. Hitch up a tent or sleep in one of the thatched roof bungalows at a nearby beach resort.

3 life

Top picks

Travel find this week:

1 **Get wet:** When it opened in early June 2010 about a half-hour's drive east of downtown Ottawa in the small town of Limoges, Calypso became Canada's largest waterpark, with slides, games and numerous ways to get and stay wet. calypsopark.com

2 **Deals:** Bid on a selection of hotel packages for everyone from the discerning luxury traveler and those seeking a quick getaway to deals targeted towards family journeys at LuxuryLink.com and their recently launched sister sites FamilyGetaway.com

3 **Cruises:** Visit tripharbour.ca to find a wide selection of cruise ship deals, reviews on trips and stay up to date on the industry.

After attracting visitors for a generation, Texas version of Stonehenge to move

Fall for French

Bordeaux region is no longer just for the bourgeoisie

▶ A vineyard of Chateau Biac is seen with the Garonne River in the background.

There's something noble about Bordeaux wines, and it's not just the proud heritage of their 100-year-old vines, their prominent place in viticulture history or their world-renowned quality.

It's also the "noble rot" responsible for creating some of the region's sweeter wines, which are being paired more frequently with main courses alongside their better-known Bordeaux counterparts.

Some people use the term Bordeaux generically, the way others might ask for a Cabernet, but Bordeaux wines actually come in several distinct varieties, such as sweet white wines and dry white wines, in addition to several different types of red wine. The Bordeaux region has multiple microclimates, fuelled by rivers that wrap around the area in the southwest of France. And from these microclimates and variations in terroir (the vineyard soil and other growing conditions), winemakers are coaxing wines that are smooth and lush, rich and complex, with one eye on past traditions and one on the future.

The diversity of Bordeaux wines can be explored in person, in places like Saint-Emilion, about an hour's drive from the city of Bordeaux. One of the main red wine areas of Bordeaux, Saint-Emilion's wineries employ similar growing, harvesting and winemaking techniques, though its silky red wines are a stark contrast to those of its nearby neighbours.

Once a standoffish community, the region has begun to open its doors more in recent years and average travellers are discovering its beauty.

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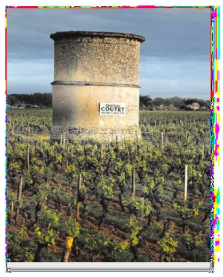
Bordeaux



How to get there and what to do

Travel Getting to Bordeaux is an easy one-hour flight from Paris, or a little over three hours on a high-speed (TGV) train.

Call ahead Unlike visits to other wine regions most visits to vineyards and wineries should be arranged in advance, and need an appointment

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▶ Entertainment includes Greek bands, such as Ottawa's own Poseidon, dancers and a nightly Zorba show — a crowd favourite

Get thee to the Greek

Greekfest runs Aug. 12 to 22 Greek celebrity chef Maria Loi to make appearance at annual festival

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This month, get thee to the Greek as Ottawa Greekfest returns its popular festival to the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

Running from Aug. 12 to 22, the festival returns old traditions — family fun, traditional food, dance and music — and new favourites, including appearances by a Greek celebrity chef.

"This year, we're very excited to have celebrity chef Maria Loi coming from Greece," said Erin Giakoumelos, general manager with the Hellenic Community of Ottawa.

Loi, who has her own show and has published cookbooks in Greece, will be doing cooking demonstrations over five days. She was a hit at the Taste of the Danforth in Toronto last year, Giakoumelos said.

Ottawa's Greek community, which numbers about 5,000 households, is tight-knit, yet welcoming said Giakoumelos. The festival, which is organized by community members, will welcome about 70,000 guests this year, she said.

Greekfest Top 10

1. Check out the nightly Zorba Show.
2. Try a dessert. Everyone knows about Baklava, but the Loukoumades is a favourite, said Erin Giakoumelos, general manager with the Hellenic Community of Ottawa.
3. Take in live music at the festival site.
4. Bring the kids and check out the carnival area and take part in children's activities.
5. Attend a seminar. In addition to a session by celebrity chef Maria Loi, there are oil tasting seminars and cooking demonstrations.
6. Take a Greek language lesson.
7. Eat dinner! Food is a highlight of the festival, with key items including lamb, moussaka, homemade souvlaki and greek salad.
8. The festival wouldn't be possible without volunteers. Thank a volunteer today.
9. Watch Greek dance performances.
10. Take a guided tour of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Green Orthodox Church.

Wonderful display of culture

It may be called Greekfest, but on August 17, festival organizers are sharing their spotlight with many other cultures in the community.

One of the highlights of the festival, Ottawa Greekfest's popular multicultural night is very well attended and draws a capacity crowd, said Erin Giakoumelos, general manager with the Hellenic Community of Ottawa. "People get very excited about it."

The program, which begins at 7 p.m., includes performances by different dance troupes, including a Romanian dance troupe, a Columbian folkloric ballet group and a Polish dance group, among others.

"It's a wonderful display of culture, costume, dance and a great evening to look forward to every year," Giakoumelos said. "Our event is inclusive of our friends and neighbours."

TRACEY TONG

Snapping to attention

World Press Photo is an independent, non-profit organization based in Amsterdam. It was founded in 1955 to bring photo journalism to the attention of the people, said World Press Photo exhibitions project manager Erik de Kruijf.

The organization is controlled by an independent executive board and a supervisory board, and employs 25.

They're best known for organizing the world's most prestigious annual press photography contest with the winning photographs assembled into a travelling exhibition, visited by more than two million people in some 45 countries worldwide.

World Press Photo is sponsored by Canon and TNT and receives support from the Dutch Postcode Lottery. TIM WIECLAWSKI

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The world seen through a lens

The World Press Photo Contest exhibits its winners starting Aug. 6 at the Canadian War Museum

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For all the words a reporter could write about a major news event, a great photo can do more to tell the story.

Every year, the World Press Photo Contest collects the best news photos from the past year and takes them on tour.

The exhibition officially opened in Amsterdam in April and visits 100 cities in 45 countries over the next year. It arrives in Ottawa at the Canadian War Museum on Aug. 6.

"The photos give an overview of the state of photojournalism today and with that an overview of the news of last year," said World Press Photo exhibitions project manager Erik de Kruijf.

"You will see stories from all over the world."

The exhibit showcases the best photo journalistic work in 2009, but de Kruijf admits judging the photos is not scientific.

"It's not that prize one in a category is a bit better than prize two," he said.

The prizes are awarded to images that show major news invents in a captivating and inventive way.

What's on

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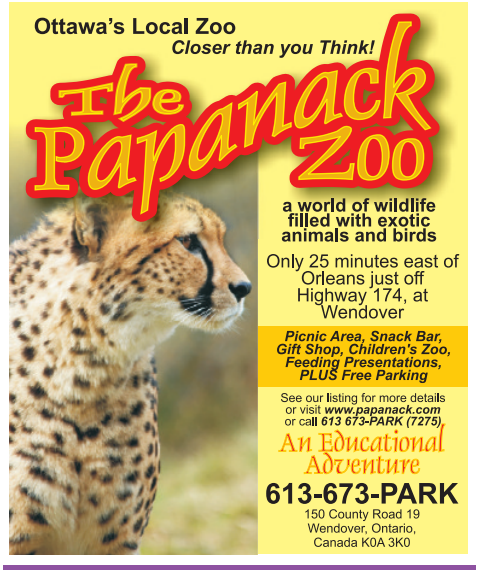

▶ Grilled steak sandwich with whole-grain mustard sauce.

Grilled steak sandwiches

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Ingredients:

Beef Steak Sandwiches
- 1 tri-tip rump roast, about 750 g (1 1/2 lb) and 4 cm (1 1/2 inches) thick, fat and silver skin removed
- 8 slices sourdough bread, each 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 bunch watercress

Paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) whole-grain mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) kosher salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

Sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) whole-grain mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red wine vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground black pepper

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, combine paste ingredients. Rub paste all over roast, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. In a small bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to use. Allow roast to stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes before grilling.
3. Prepare grill for direct and indirect cooking over medium (180 to 230 C/350 to 450 F) heat.
4. Brush cooking grates clean. Grill roast over direct medium heat until well marked on both sides, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once or twice. Then move roast over indirect medium heat and cook until it reaches your desired doneness, 15 to 20 minutes for medium rare, turning every 5 minutes or so. Keep lid closed as much as possible during grilling. Remove from grill and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut roast across grain into 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices.
5. Brush bread with butter and grill over direct medium heat until lightly toasted, about 1 minute, turning once.
6. Spread about 5 ml (1 tsp) of the sauce on 4 slices of the bread, place a layer of meat on top and then some watercress. Top with remaining bread.

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Be savvy in your exit interview

Parting ways? It won't be easy if Human Resources has its way.

These days, getting and quitting a job involves a roughly identical amount of corporate passage rites — from legalistic forms to fill out to statements to sign. But perhaps no ritual is as arcane as the final threshold: The exit interview. You, an HR rep and a voice recorder, reminiscing on the employee handbook-prescribed lives you shared.

No good news

The best way to say, "So long, sucker!"? Even some feedback can be bad feedback.

Even happy feedback could have an unhappy blowback. "Let's say you say something positive," Corcodilos says. "Later, you realize they discriminated against you, and you want to sue. HR trots out your notes from your exit interview and it says, 'I had a great time here, the company treated me very well.' There goes your lawsuit."

A sacred fact-finding mission for some managers, but a perfunctory formality for others, exit interviews are — for AskTheHeadHunter.com author Nick Corcodilos — "the cockroaches of the HR world."

"They just survive," he says. "I really think companies do them out of sheer habit.

"If a company wants to find out what employees think, why don't you ask them while they're still working there?" he asks. "Why wait until they're leaving?"

Navigating an exit interview, like any goodbye, is a theatrical art — and while many a worker may relish the chance to discharge a few parting shots, career coach Hallie Crawford recommends bidding adieu with diplomatic understatement.

"Try to not single out any one person unless you are pressed to do so," she advises. "Keep things professional, not personal." She continues, "Consider what criticism is really worth bringing up."

DREW HINSHAW

What's the right way to resign?

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▶ It's best to be simple and to the point when tendering a resignation. Do not go over the top.

For many job-hopping careerists, there are few workplace rituals so hard as saying 'so long'

DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

"People dread it," says Surviving Dreaded Conversation author Donna Flagg, who views the quitter's apprehension as a self-centred sentiment.

"People come and go, companies move on," she says. "It's not as devastating as the person resigning makes it in their head."

Don't let that resignation guilt lead you to pen an overly personal resignation when you tender your resignation. Flower your two-week notice with paeans to your corporate overlings and the document could wind up decorating a courtroom counter evidence table — exhibit A — should you ever need to sue the company for unpaid wages or salary discrimination.

"Write a letter with one line," suggests How Can I Change Careers author Nick Corcodilos. "I hereby resign my position with X-Y-Z. That's it. Be friendly, respectful, professional, upbeat, but do that stuff orally."

"If your company tries to buy you out like that, the money has got to come from somewhere. Typically, it comes from your next raise review."
NICK CORCODILOS

Yet don't allow your post-resignation talks to turn into negotiations. Despite what an overbearing boss may plea, two weeks is a sufficient heads-up — "It's the bare minimum," Flagg estimates, "but at the same time, I don't think there's any need to do four or six."

More treacherous is the chief of industry who tries to raise your resignation with a counter offer — a dicey proposition Corcodilos warns to never entertain "under any circumstances."

"If your company tries to buy you out like that, the money has got to come from somewhere," he explains. "Typically, it comes from your next raise review."

Melodrama

Feel like the blameless protagonist exiting a play about corporate absurdity? It doesn't matter, Flagg remarks. "Bow out gracefully," she advises. "It's not worth giving them a huge 'F-you' on your way out. We bump into the same people in our career."

NO SUCH THING AS A 'FREE' CONSULTATION

Workplace Law

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People get what they pay for. This is as true in law as it is in life. Here is one story that should make employees pause when they are offered a "free" consultation with a lawyer.

I recently met with a client seeking a second opinion following his complimentary session with another lawyer. He had found a "labour lawyer" on the Internet whose website brandished a free consultation. Believing that he would get an opinion on his case without spending a dime, this client was unfortunately drawn to the lawyer's promise.

They spoke briefly on the telephone and the lawyer swiftly provided an "opinion" that he had been wrongfully dismissed. The problem, however, is that he was wrong. Based on the lawyer's advice, the client gave him $1,500 to review the file and write a letter. He then signed an agreement permitting the lawyer to charge him based solely on the time he would spend on the file, regardless of the result.

Later on, during the lawyer's comprehensive review of the file, he discovered that the employment contract the client had signed had all but disposed of the case. The lawyer hadn't bothered to discuss the contract as a potential problem during their initial free discussion (something that most employment lawyers should spot as a matter of course). But, by the time the lawyer later realized the significance of the issue, he had performed hours of work — which, according to the retainer agreement the client had signed, was time that he would be paid for.

Therefore, the client had been billed twice the standard fee that most lawyers generally charge for an initial meeting for less than half of the work. In other words, this client's "free" consultation had become something much different. And his cautionary tale is, unfortunately, not an unusual one.

What should employees do?

Avoid free legal advice or summary opinions provided over the Internet or telephone, however tempting that may be. Don't work with lawyers who simply dabble in employment law — and ensure you understand how you will be charged for your lawyer's time.

Help can be a key to success

With a new school year fast approaching, homework will once again become a nightly activity

Making homework a positive and productive experience is something that every parent aims for. According to a recent survey conducted by Ipsos-Reid for Kumon Math and Reading Centres, if parents take the time to teach their child to actively ask for homework support, it can help them improve academic performance and enjoy a more rewarding homework experience.

According to responses from more than 1,200 Canadian parents, more than half of the children who actively engage their parents in homework support perform at an average to above average level at school.

Also, children who engage their parents in the homework process enjoy more dynamic support. From monitoring homework progress (75 per cent) to discussing the assignment (75 per cent), these children turn what can be a source of stress into an interactive, two-way dialogue about learning, creating a more rewarding and enriching homework experience.

Demonstrating an interest in your child's homework and offering support is not the same thing as completing assignments for your child. Here are some key tips on finding that balance, from Kumon Math and Reading Centres:

Know the homework policy:

Ask about the kinds of assignments students are expected to complete, the anticipated length of time it takes to complete assignments, and the expectations for parent involvement.

Establish a routine:

This means determining a regular time each day in a distraction-free environment with all of the tools and resources at hand, such as pens, pencils, paper, ruler, scissors and a dictionary.

Reinforce study habits:

Help your child to structure his or her time before assignments are due. Discuss the steps that are required and map it out with respect to the amount of time it will take to complete the assignment. NEWS CANADA

Getting started

- Have your child choose a question that they know how to do. Do the first question, fill in the first blank or read the first paragraph together. Ask if he or she can do the second one alone and reassure your child that you'll be available to help if needed.

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Evolving distance education online

Taking advantage of both technological advances and the accessibility of Internet access, distance education courses have evolved from a traditional correspondence model. Today an independent student learns by interacting with dynamic courses that feature online resources ranging from math applets to media clips focused on real world examples.

"As studying at a distance becomes more and more readily available to career changers and busy adults looking to earn high school credits or to upgrade skills on their own time, it's important that courses are interesting and relevant," says Sarah Irwin, managing director of the Independent Learning Centre (ILC.org). "For example, learning the theory of a Grade 11 physics course (SPH 3U) by studying the design of athletic shoes or how musical instruments generate sound waves."

Reaching far beyond textbooks and spreadsheets, modern instructional designers include various methodologies to engage students and support learning. A learner can now expect digital components such as videos and news clips and online discussion forums, creating a learning engaging educating system.

NEWS CANADA

A distance education dream come true

Yvette Sturge used to be an HR manager in the automotive industry Harbouring an ironic secret, she counselled employees to complete their education

A single mother of 47, Yvette Sturge was employed but had never earned her high school diploma. Things changed when she was laid-off and she was faced with trying to find work without a high school diploma. She wanted to stay in her chosen field, but that required getting the credentials that potential employers demanded. She knew that she needed her high school diploma.

After investigating the options available for adult learners, Sturge decided on distance education and enrolled with the Independent Learning Centre (ILC.org). To be successful, she needed to find a flexible model that would allow her to be close to home, her kids, and to take care of other the commitments in her life. Without scheduled classes to attend, she was able to study when and where she wanted or could, year-round, and at her own pace. "Doing my courses through distance education was ideal as it allowed me an open schedule to take care of all my obligations."

As an adult learner with a firm goal in mind, Sturge found herself more motivated and engaged than ever before. "I found the courses more interesting and more related to the requirements of the workplace than I did when I attended school in the past."

After completing five courses, Sturge earned her Ontario Secondary School Diploma. For Sturge it was the beginning, but not the end as she plans on continuing her education at a college level. NEWS CANADA

NEWS CANADA PHOTO

▶ Yvette Sturge recently earned her Ontario Secondary School Diploma through the Independent Learning Centre.

Options

Adult education offers credits and tech skills.

Adults who are thinking of earning credits or improving skills through education often think that their only option is to take a college of university level course. But, what about starting off with a high school course? Today's high school curriculum addresses the Ministry of Education expectation of providing students with both theoretical and skills based knowledge.

Sarah Irwin, managing director of the Independent Learning Centre (ILC.org) talks about how courses can easily be translated into real life examples. "For example, students taking the Business and Technological Communication (EBT40) course learn practical writing, communication, and technical skills that are needed in both workplace and post-secondary environments. And, taking that course at a distance has the added bonus of improving time and project management skills."

NEWS CANADA

News in brief

Water safety training needed

EDUCATION The Lifesaving Society of B.C. says institutions involved with international students need to ensure water-safety education is part of their orientation. The call comes after a 23-year-old student from Korea on a summer study tour at Okanagan College nearly drowned last week. Earlier this month, a 17-year-old Chinese student going to school in North Vancouver drowned, while an 18-year-old Acadia University student from Kenya drowned in May. Okanagan College says new water safety guidelines for international students will be introduced as a result of the accident.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

'Academic vandalism'?

EDUCATION The proposed closure of the University of Toronto's Centre for Comparative Literature has sparked an international campaign in protest, according to Maclean's OnCampus, with scholars from all over the world writing letters pleading with uToronto to reconsider closing the centre. MACLEAN'S ONCAMPUS

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‘It was really convenient’

Distance education gets thumbs up from two students **Discipline to sit down and complete course work key**

RICHARD WOODBURY
METRO CANADA

Before taking a course through distance education, 23-year-old Jessica Lu had reservations.

“I never thought distance education was something that would work for me,” says the Vancouver resident who graduated from the University of British Columbia this spring with a degree in biology.

Lu had a “very traditional sense of learning” with a professor and a lecture. When an elective class she wanted to take was full, distance education became the only option.

“I liked how it was really convenient,” says Lu.

With large breaks in her schedule between classes, she used that time to complete two courses through distance education.

For 25-year-old Leigh Fuller, she felt distance education would be “a good move to accelerate her career.”

When she began pursuing a project management certificate from Algonquin College in Ottawa in the spring of 2009, she had a full-time job as an administrative assistant and was also riding and training horses on the side.

“One thing that can pretty much guarantee you won’t be successful at it is if you’re not capable of having the discipline to sit down and actually do the work yourself without anyone encouraging you,” she says.

Fuller feels distance education is a good fit for busy people and shy people who may not enjoy being in the classroom.

The distance education experience has been positive for Lu, but she would have liked for the tests to have included more short answer type questions rather than being strictly multiple choice.

Fuller doesn’t have any complaints.

“I would do it again, well I am,” she says with a chuckle.

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▶ Leigh Fuller took distance education courses to accelerate her career.

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▶ Jessica Lu ended up in an online education setting when the traditional lecture course she wanted was full.

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LEIGH FULLER

Last song played on iPod? Lips of an Angel by Hinder
Cheesiest song on iPod? Kiss a Girl by Keith Urban
Favourite actor? Clive Owen
Favourite film? Kingdom of Heaven

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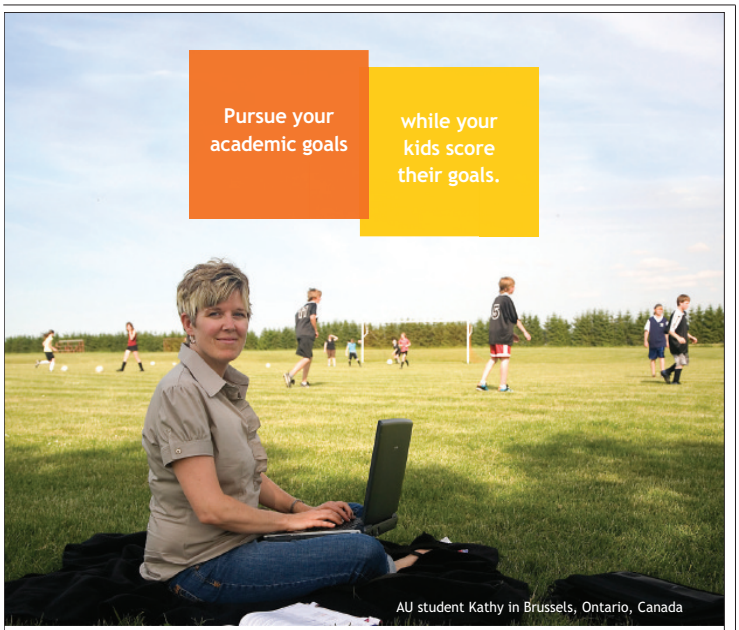
JESSICA LU

Last song played on iTouch? Marionettes by The Zolas
Cheesiest song on iTouch? Ballads by Chicago and Lionel Richie
Favourite actor? Jim Parsons
Favourite film? Singin’ in the Rain



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• Creative Writing (Algonquin College): An eight-course program looking at the features of writing including the structure of language and aesthetic criticism concepts. Emphasis placed on practical, goal-oriented work and developing your own writing style. Visit algonquincollege.com.

Halifax

• Certificate in Police Leadership (Dalhousie University): A program that trains supervisors and managers in the police force, particularly people who want to take their police career to a management level. The well-regarded program counts people in the RCMP and Provincial Police in Ontario and Quebec amongst its graduates. Visit collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca.

Toronto

• Taking Off in Travel (Humber College): An overview of the basics of the travel industry and what it takes to start a career. Case studies involving international travel, niche travel, group travel and conventions as well as a look at all types of travel and accommodations. Visit onlinelearning.humber.ca.

Vancouver

• Surgical Care in International Health (University of British Columbia): A cutting-edge course focusing on the planning and execution of surgery in low- and middle-income places of need around the world. Learn how to meet the burden of unmet surgical needs and how to orchestrate a professional response around the world. Visit olt.ubc.ca.

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▶Surgical Care in International Health is a hot distance education course.

Demers describes his brush with death

Hockey man-turned-parliamentarian Jacques Demers has gone public to describe his brush with death this summer.

The frail-looking Conservative senator has lost 43 pounds and even his voice is sounding a little thinner these days.

He describes his ordeal in an interview with the RDS sports network, where he worked for years as a hockey analyst.

Demers says he was with colleagues in Ottawa, one night in June, when he began feeling ill.

What he thought may have been food poisoning was, in fact, a hernia. He underwent an operation June 29 — but an error during that surgery left a tear in his intestine.

With toxins flooding his body, Demers was forced to undergo a second operation — at which point his loved ones were warned he might not survive.

Demers is now on a three-month recovery break and could miss the early days of the Senate's fall session.

The longtime NHL coach, who in 1993 with the Montreal Canadiens was the last man to lead a Canadian team to a Stanley Cup, was named to the upper chamber last year.

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▶ Jacques Demers

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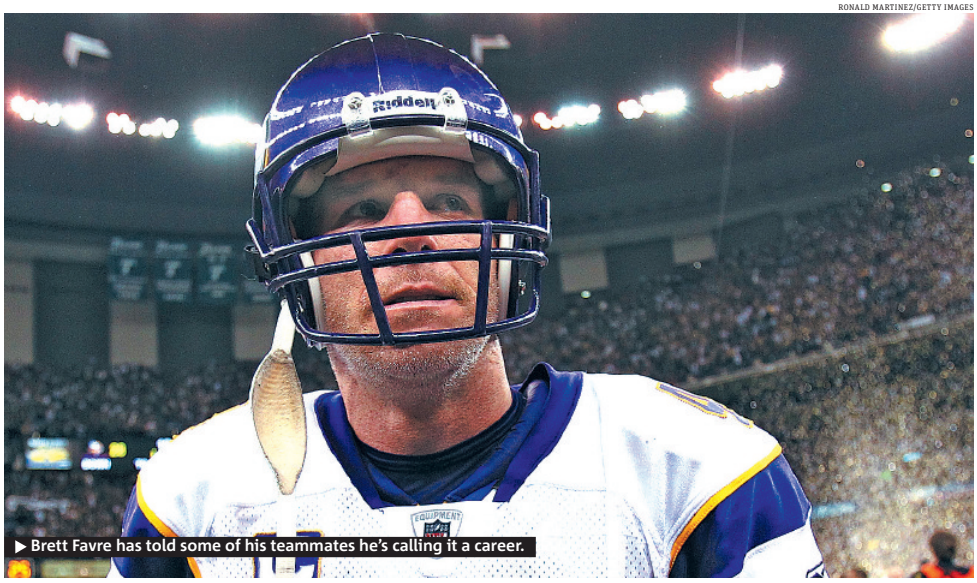

▶ Brett Favre has told some of his teammates he's calling it a career.

Game over for Favre?

- Vikings teammates say quarterback told them he's done with football
- Team still holding out hope he will return for a 20th NFL season

Even though Brett Favre has told some of his teammates he's calling it a career, the Minnesota Vikings are hoping for one last change of heart from the quarterback who just can't stay retired.

Favre has started to contact teammates and Vikings officials to say he will not return for a 20th NFL season, tight end Visanthe Shiancoe said last night.

"He told a couple guys on our team he's going to retire," Shiancoe said after practice. "He hasn't told me yet. I'm going to check my phone right now, but it hasn't been said publicly yet so I don't know what to believe."

Earlier yesterday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that the 40-year-old Favre contacted the Vikings to say he wouldn't return this season because his injured left ankle is not responding as well to surgery and rehabilitation as he had hoped. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcements were made.

Coach Brad Childress said Favre had not told him directly that Favre plans to retire as of yesterday morning. The coach would not confirm Favre's status with the team, calling it a "fluid situation," and he was unavailable for comment after the evening practice.

"I'm not a big hearsay person," Childress said. "I gotta hear it from the horse's mouth."

As always with the former MVP, things could change. Favre and his agent, Bus Cook, did not return messages from The Associated Press.

"I plead the fifth on everything," defensive end Jared Allen said.

"I love Brett and he reserves the right to do what he wants to do. We obviously love him as a teammate. We'd like to have him back. But until it's official, I'll believe it when I see it."

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Familiar story

Brett Favre has a history of changing his mind.

1. "I know I can play but I don't think I want to. It's been a great career for me, but it's over." — Favre on March 6, 2008, two days after retiring from the Packers. Plays next season for Jets.
2. "It's been a wonderful career, I couldn't ask for anything more ... It's time to leave." — Favre on Feb. 11, 2009, when he announces his second retirement. He later "unretires" to play for the Vikings

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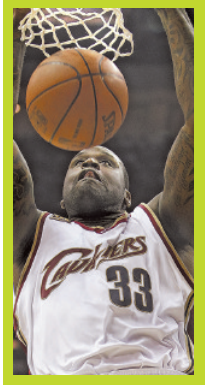

"I know I will play in the NBA next season. International? No. ... For every athlete or every great person, there's a time when it has to end. When and if it ever ends it will be very graciously."

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LT Platinum Edition model shown††

2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS

MSRP $28,814

EMPLOYEE PRICING **$25,246***

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For more information on safety ratings, go to www.safercar.gov. 2010 Chevrolet Malibu received both a 5-star Rating for the driver and front passenger in the Frontal Crash Test and for front and rear seat occupants in the Side-Impact Crash Test. Side-impact Crash Test rating is for models tested with standard head-curtain side-impact air bags. 2010 Chevrolet Aveo 5-door received a 5-star Rating for the driver and front passenger in the Frontal Crash Test. †Chevrolet Malibu LT Platinum Edition, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $29,254. Chevrolet Cobalt LT Team Canada Edition, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $21,119. Chevrolet Aveo 5-door LS Sport with UF1, MSRP with freight, PDI & fees $16,659. Dealers are free to set individual prices. †Subject to Vehicle Redemption Allowances. Visit thegmcard.ca for more details including terms and conditions that apply to The GM Card Earnings and Redemption Program. 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▶ The 2010 Nissan Altima Hybrid features a refreshed front grille and 16-inch alloy wheels.

Altima Hybrid sedan best of both worlds

If you don't fancy full-on hybrids like Toyota Prius and Honda Insight, Nissan offers a great alternative ● Model easy and pleasant to drive

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Hop in, push the starter button and your Nissan Altima Hybrid is ready to go.

It's as simple as that and not nearly the complicated process that many might expect if you are not educated in the operation of a gas-electric hybrid vehicle.

Unlike the Toyota Prius and Honda Insight, which are designed from the ground up as hybrids, the Altima Hybrid is a standard four-door Altima sedan, outfitted with a hybrid power train.

Nissan says it set out to make the Altima one of the best performing large front-wheel drive sedans on the market. The hybrid version adds better fuel economy and fewer emissions to produce a more environmentally friendly vehicle.

With few changes from the 2009 model, the 2010 Altima Hybrid is really an easy and pleasant vehicle to drive. It has a well-designed, comfortable interior and, for 2010, offers an optional Leather Tech Package ($4,900) that includes a number of features including leather seats, Bose audio system and rear view monitor.

Also new for this model year is a refreshed front fascia and grille, newly styled 16-inch alloy wheels and standard folding mirrors with integrated turn signals.

The Altima Hybrid power train starts with Nissan's tried and true 2.5-litre four-cylinder gasoline engine. It is combined with an electric motor, producing a hybrid system power rating of 198 hp, and it can travel an estimated 1,300 km between fill-ups.

The specs

2010 NISSAN ALTIMA HYBRID

- **VEHICLE TYPE** Four-door sedan
- **PRICE** from $33, 398
- **ENGINE** 2.5-litre DOHC 16-valve in-line four-cylinder engine (158 hp, 162 lb/ft of torque) combined with a 40 hp electric motor
- **FUEL ECONOMY** 5.6L/100 km city and 5.9L/100 km highway

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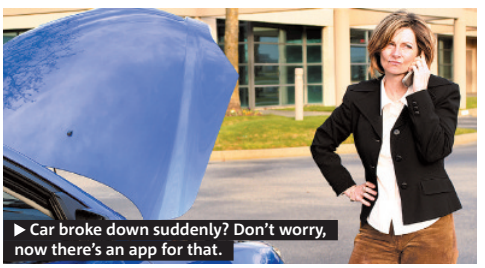

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Owners of TomTom navigation systems can now be guided by the greatest Jedi of them all — Yoda — thanks to a downloadable voice skin.

Car arguments
According to a new survey, getting lost is the biggest cause of arguments in cars. More than 60 per cent of the people questioned in the survey for British motoring retailer Halfords, said arguments had erupted because of their partner's rubbish navigation.

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THE BIMMER AND A FEW MAD MEN

Like a lot of folks, my favourite television series at the moment is Mad Men. I'm not sure I like it because it's such a fascinating portrait of "ad agency" professionals operating in New York city in the early 1960s, or because I simply pine for the days when a man could smoke and drink at the office and had a secretary to type letters and fetch things.

And now I have another reason to like Mad Men — the advertising.

Last week, we watched the premiere episode of season four, and like the two previous season premieres, it featured a special advertising "vignette" by the series' title sponsor, BMW.

The vignette featured Martin Puris talking casually about the ad he created for the original 5 Series. Purris was the "creative" half of Ammirati Puris (BMW's first U.S. ad agency), and the man who came up with that iconic BMW slogan, "The Ultimate Driving Machine."

After his talk, they ran that historical 5 Series spot, followed by a new spot for the all-new 5 Series.

Brilliant. It told an intriguing part of BMW history, showed how consistent its engineering mission and marketing message has been through the years, informed viewers about a new model, and did it all in a manner that was totally Mad Men.

▶ The fourth season of Mad Men premiered along with a special ad vignette from BMW.

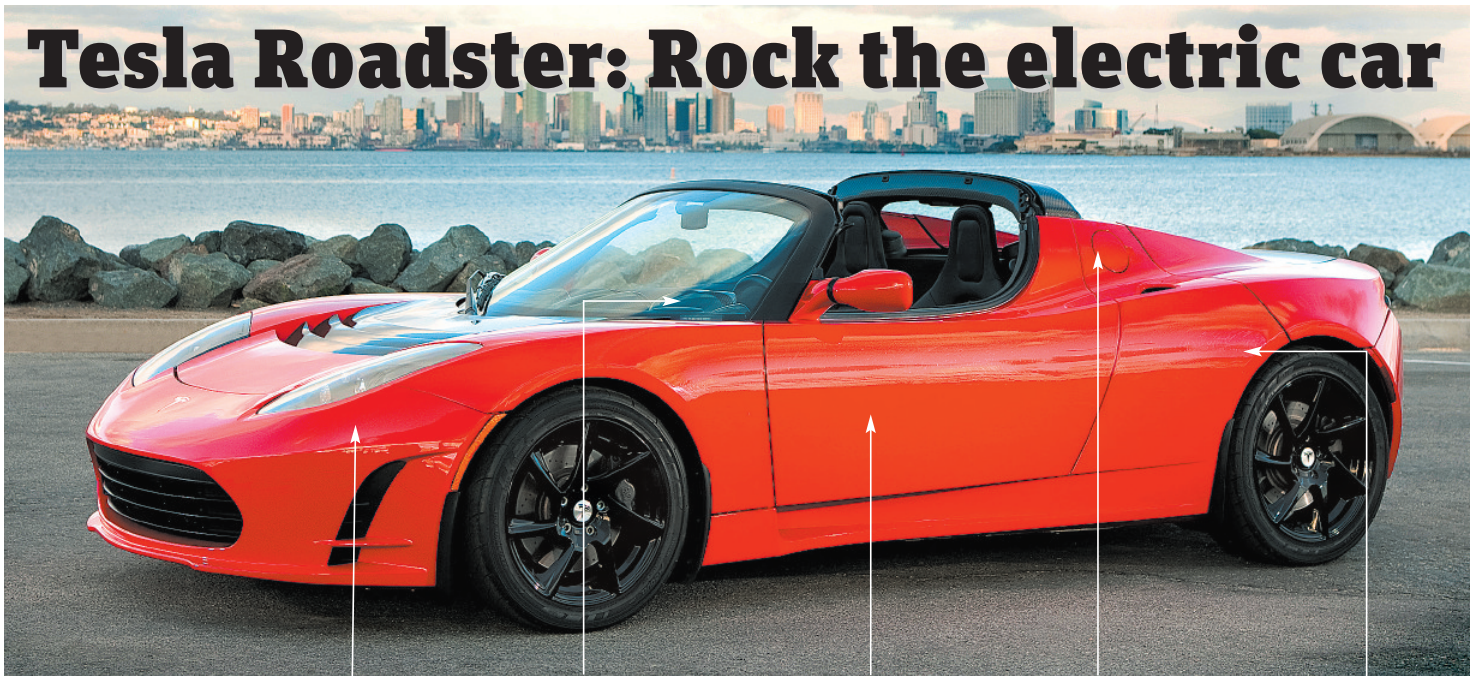
The idea to feature Puris in this ad, and in another Mad Men vignette three years ago came from Pat McKenna, manager, marketing communications and consumer events, BMW North America. During our recent telephone conversation, McKenna told me that viewers have responded well to BMW's "wink" to the Mad Men narrative.

BMW only hauls out custom creative during the season premiers. The custom add for the second season premier actual featured Mad Men footage. "We pulled out 'new' technologies from Mad Men, like the rotary phone, slide projector, and the photocopy machine," said Pat.

"It was our way of taking the discussion to our current modern technologies, like our new diesel engines."

He added that, "BMW is very proud of our sponsorship of Mad Men" and that it gives the automaker the opportunity to both "celebrate our own advertising legacy, and pay a tribute to the craft… This is our homage, to Mad Men and to advertising."

Tesla Roadster: Rock the electric car



DREAM CAR

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My brief fling with Tesla Roadster Sport was the closest I've come to living like a rock star. Everyone pointed, boys took pictures, female types glanced over and an Audi R8 V10 filled the rearview mirror for 10 klicks. The Roadster is the sole serial production "full electric" car you buy in North America. But the driving experience easily trumped the paparazzi experience — and even the green experience.

Forged in carbon fibre

EXTERIOR. Body styling and chassis derived from Lotus Elise. French-built carbon fibre body panels shipped to Lotus in England. Panels fitted to a fully aluminum monocoque chassis, built by Lotus to Tesla's specifications. Final assembly in California. On-board charger can be connected to any outlet in the world (adapter cords provided). Charge times based on outlet voltage and amperage.

Packed with electronics

INSIDE. No engine under the hood, but fully packed with electronics and radiators and air-con system. Cooling of batteries has priority. System will divert some cool air from cabin if necessary. With no gas engine noises, prevalent sound "at idle" is the gurgling of this cooling system. Bit tricky to place one's butt in the driver's seat. Once there, your legs stick straight out to the pedals. Small steering wheel requires some effort.

$147,300

The base price for the Tesla Roadster Sport. The math worked out to $166,670 with other add-on options on the test vehicle. So, far 30 units have been sold in Canada.

In company of lithium ion

CHARGING UP. Directly behind the rear seats you'll find the famous Tesla lithium-ion cell battery pack: 69 cells wired in parallel to create bricks; 99 bricks connected to create sheets; 11 sheets inserted into the pack housing; internally cooled; weighs 990 pounds; stores 56 kWh of electric energy; delivers up to 215kW of electric power; and gives the Tesla a range of 395 kms. Highest "energy density" in the industry.

Acceleration to infinity

DRIVE EXPERIENCE. The Tesla Sport will jump from zero to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds. But impressive as that sounds, it no way conveys what it feels like to keep the Tesla accelerating in anger toward the horizon. The prevalent sound is gear whine, not unlike a jet taking off. And with no gear changes or the slightest fall off in torque to interrupt the insane rate of thrust, it basically feels like, and sounds like, it would keep accelerating into infinity.

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2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT shown‡

2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN CANADA VALUE PACKAGE

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2010 GRAND CARAVAN SE WITH STOW 'N GO®

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- 17" Aluminum wheels
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- Steering wheel mounted audio controls

NO CHARGE SE PLUS GROUP PACKAGE

2010 Dodge Journey R/T shown‡

2010 DODGE JOURNEY SE CANADA VALUE PACKAGE

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Prelude to fun at wheel

Drive satisfaction and reliability go hand-in-hand with model Reputation behind relatively high prices

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Like so many of its competitors, the Honda Prelude gracefully bowed out of the sports car scene after 2001, having become a casualty of low sales volumes and increasing fuel and insurance costs.

Interestingly, even some years later, the last-generation of Honda's coupe still commands relatively high premiums in the used market as a reliable and relevant sports car.

The fifth and last generation of the Prelude hit the scene in 1997, and all models were two-door, four-seat front-drive units with four-cylinder power. Said power came from a 2.2 litre VTEC engine with 195 or 200 horsepower, depending on model year. A manual five-speed transmission was standard, and a four-speed automatic was available optionally, and featured manual-mode shifting.

Features included ABS disc brakes, air, a sunroof, leather seating, and a CD-changer audio system. Exceptional handling and braking were part of the package. Prelude mightn't be Honda's most practical used model — but many an owner say their machines deliver reliable driving enjoyment, day in and day out.

The specs

- **MODEL** 1997 to 2001 Honda Prelude
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Coupe
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $5,500 to $10,000

▶ The 1997-2001 Honda Prelude is a top choice among many hoping to get into the sports car segment.

What Owners Like

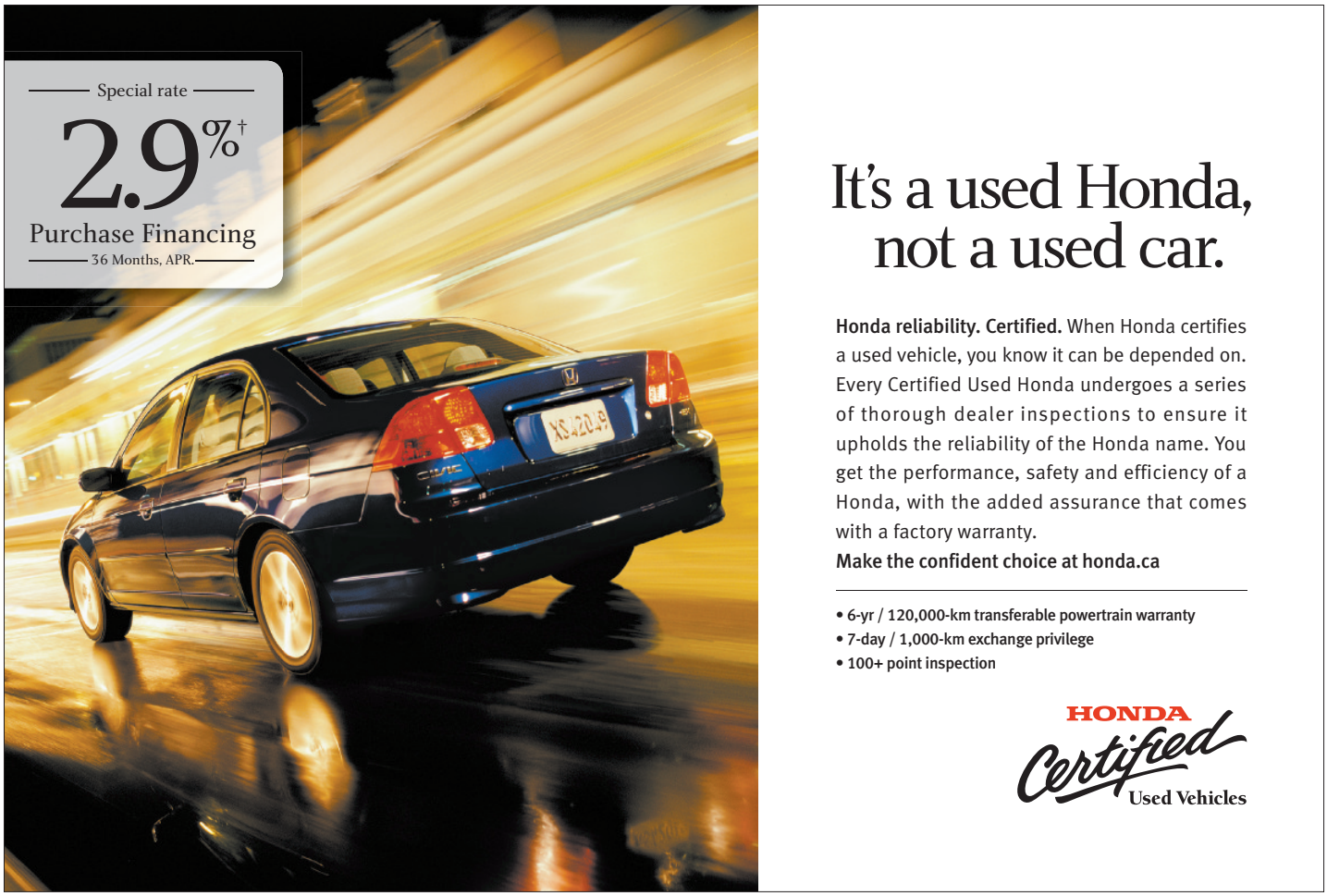
Power, handling and driving dynamics were among the last-generation Prelude's most highly rated attributes according to owners. Reliability and fuel mileage are well-rated, too.

What Owners Hate

Prelude's most common gripes centre around limited interior and cargo space, squeaks and rattles over time, and a rough ride on some surfaces.

Common issues

Prelude doesn't seem to suffer from any glaring or systematic problems, though several checks are advised. The Prelude's H22 engine used a timing belt tensioner that could be a source of grief in the event of a malfunction that allows too much slack in the timing belt. This could cause skipped belt teeth and even potentially fatal engine damage.



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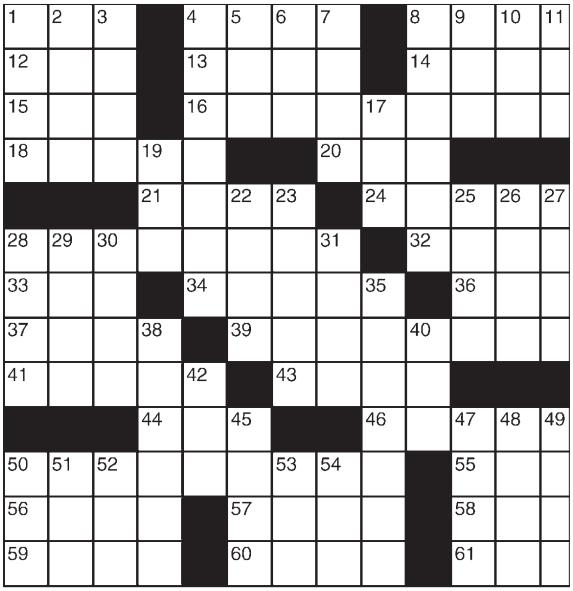
Crossword

Across
1 Plead
4 Milky gem
8 Vocal comeback
12 Water (Fr.)
13 Hill counterpart
14 Frog's cousin
15 Misstep
16 Give special emphasis to
18 Downright
20 Thither
21 Creche trio
24 Gunpowder ingredient
28 Ancestral place
32 Pop flavor
33 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
34 "— di Lammermoor"
36 Snitch
37 Lima's country
39 Cell's ancestor
41 Graceful young woman
43 Marquis de —
44 Constrictor type
46 Hindu prince
50 Solid hit
55 Have bills
56 Concept
57 "Piggies"
58 Simple card game
59 Bard
60 Seeks damages
61 Caustic solution

Down
1 Gridlock sound
2 Count counterpart
3 Ashram leader
4 Eccentric
5 Standard
6 "The Greatest"
7 Tax
8 Cultural, in a way
9 Bill and —
10 Scenery chewer
11 Praise from 59-Across
17 A billion years
19 Sra., across the Pyrenees
22 Old name for France
23 Pizarro's victims
25 Actress Spelling
26 Verve
27 Assessment
28 Chances
29 Do as I say
30 Crumbly clay deposit
31 Actress Merrill
35 Speech
38 Cheerful, as a tune
40 Meadow
42 Scuttle
45 Macrame and origami
47 Cheek by —
48 Vacationing
49 Present
50 Back talk
51 Altar affirmation
52 Born
53 Debtor's letters
54 Victory gesture



▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

6	9						5	1
	3			6			7	
		7	5		8	2		
			4		1			
8								4
			2		9			
		1	3		7	9		
	5			1			3	
4	7						1	8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	5	3	4	6	1	7	8	9
7	9	6	8	3	5	1	2	4
4	1	8	2	9	7	5	6	3
3	6	1	7	4	2	9	5	8
5	2	7	3	8	9	6	4	1
9	8	4	1	5	6	2	3	7
1	3	9	5	2	8	4	7	6
8	7	2	6	1	4	3	9	5
6	4	5	9	7	3	8	1	2

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Dalice, You are going to be an amazing mom! I love you so much, and I will be here with you every step of the way! I got some suguar for you when you get home!
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Maya, i had a guitar and a backpack. We shared a cigarette then I sang you and anne a song. Since that day, your enchanting eyes have troubled my mind true...how ever will I find you again?
MIKE

To my beautiful fiancé Sara, I love you more then anything and can't wait to marry you! Xoxo
Love, your future hubby
STEPHEN COLE

To my queen
Will you marry me
FROM YOUR KING

Today
Thundershowers
60%
28° / 22°

Thursday
Showers
60%
28° / 16°

Friday
Showers
40%
21° / 13°

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 19 If you work with other people today you will achieve something special. If you work against them you won't get anywhere. It's that simple.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 Your destiny is not set in stone and anyone who tries to tell you that it is should not be considered a friend. Whatever it is you most dream of doing now is the best time to start it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Time is on your side and if you take your time you will achieve everything you set out to achieve, so don't rush things. .

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be in the mood to take risks but today's Mars-Jupiter link warns there is more at stake than you seem to realize.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You are allowed to have fun you know. You may have to push yourself to go out and do the things you enjoy today but once you start you won't want to stop. This is your time of year, so make the most of it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may not be the type who gets carried away easily but something will spark your passion today and soon everyone will know what it is you are so enthusiastic about.reaktion där

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you are feeling a bit down throw yourself into an activity that requires your full attention. Before you know it you will have forgotten all about your worries.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A quick decision is a must, but will it be the right decision? That remains to be seen, but with Mars opposing luck planet Jupiter even if you get it wrong it will somehow work out for the best in the end.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will go on the attack today and, almost certainly, you will win whatever battle it is you are engaged in. Be careful you don't go too far and destroy a friendship.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You want to make a name for yourself and move up in the world and with Saturn moving through the career area of your chart you will undoubtedly get the chance.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You won't lack for energy today – in fact you may have a bit too much for some people's tastes – but do you have common sense to go with it? If so there is no end to what you can, and will, accomplish.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You will be extraordinarily impulsive today, so much so that some people will think you have lost your mind. Whatever the reason for your precipitate action, and whether or not it succeeds, at least others won't take you for granted again.
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GL Sport model shown

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Limited model shown

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GLS Sport model shown

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2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT shown.[1]

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- Steering wheel mounted audio controls

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2010 JEEP PATRIOT

2010 Jeep Patriot Limited 4x4 shown.

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